

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the second paragraph on page 14 of the specification with the following replacement paragraph:

Box 14 has the capability to communicate with central controller 20 to conduct billing transactions resulting from movie playback on the box (or simple extension of “credit” to the box) and to communicate other information as described in detail elsewhere herein. This communication may be accomplished through modem ~~24~~ 44 (Figure 2) that is connected to a standard POTS phone line, a DSL or ethernet port connected to a digital network or an internal cell phone. In the future, the communication may be possible by transmissions from box 14 to central controller system 20 via satellite. Similarly, where appropriate, box 14 may use the communication capabilities of the customer’s satellite or cable box to achieve connection with the central computer system.